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City Manager Presents Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2017

By Diane Oberg

The city's annual budget review kicked off on Tuesday, March 29 with City Manager Michael McLaughlin's presentation of his proposed budget. The first of eight worksessions to drill down into the details of each department's budget followed the next night. McLaughlin's proposal calls for no change in the city's property tax rate, implementation of some of the recommendations from the organizational assessment study and contained some good news for city staff. The new fiscal year begins July 1.

The proposed budget calls for total expenditures of \$27.1 mil-

lion. Of this, 38.2 percent will be spent on public safety, 20.3 percent on recreation and parks, 12 percent on public works, 10.7 percent on general government (including council, the city manager's office, finance, human resources, information technology and community promotion) and 3.8 percent on Greenbelt Cares. The remaining 11.3 percent is accounted for by miscellaneous, non-departmental expenditures and fund transfers. The proposed total is 1.6 percent greater than the budget adopted for the current fiscal year.

Staffing in most departments is proposed to be unchanged. The

exception is Public Works where McLaughlin is proposing to add a full-time Volunteer Environmental Coordinator and to increase participants in the summer help program from 2 to 4 employees. The net change across all departments is 1.5 full-time equivalents.

Property Taxes

While McLaughlin is not proposing any change to the property tax rate, residential property owners will likely see an increase in their tax bills as Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 property taxes will be based upon a new assessment. The assessed value of single family homes, townhouses and condominiums increased 14.5 percent including new development in Greenbelt Station. However, apartment and commercial assessed values decreased by 4.6 percent and 5.8 percent, respectively. This nets out to an overall increase in estimated gross assessed value of real property of just 2.9 percent for a total of \$15.9 million. This is 19 percent lower than the total assessed value in FY 2010 and considerably less than the 10 percent increase city staff had originally anticipated based upon their analysis of property values.

Total property tax revenues, including personal and business property taxes are projected to account for 63.8 percent of city revenues. Other major revenue sources include other taxes (14.4 percent), license and permit fees

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Greenbelt Youth Advisory Committee Trip to D.C.

by Jeremy Woodruff Tuthill

Early last month, the Greenbelt Youth Advisory Committee traveled to Washington, D.C. to participate as youth delegates in the National League of Cities' (NLC) Congressional City Conference. This annual event hosts city councils from around the country as they share issues relevant to their localities and their consequent solutions, in the hopes that they can return to their cities with a wealth of information that can be used to better serve their communities.

As the city councils convene, a similar conference is held between the youth councils from those cities. This year, the three-day event was attended by youth councils from 21 different states.

The first day of the conference saw several discussions of the most pertinent issues facing the young people in their community. The topics discussed included ways to get funding for council endeavors, approaches for getting more young people involved in municipal politics and ideas for new initiatives in the youth delegates' respective cities.

The second day of the conference was a youth-driven simulation of the Democratic and Republican National Conventions. The delegates formulated political platforms regarding a variety of subjects: criminal justice reform, immigration reform, environmen-

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PHOTO BY ALISON LONGWORTH

Youth Advisory committee members from left to right are Jeremy Tuthill, Fahmi Abadir, Ema Smith, and Hunter Whaples.

Poetry Fills New Deal Café



PHOTO BY NORA SIMON

Poets and participants at the 4th annual Poetry Moment Reception at the New Deal Cafe, Sunday, April 3. Front row (l to r): Barbara Simon, Jennifer Solis, Janet Walenta, Peggy Rooney, Barbara Young, Betty Goodins, Osiri Rebollo. Back row (l to r): Mayor Emmett Jordan, Leeann Irwin, Chris Farrago, John Drago, Ana Gasper, Hiram Larew, Rob Soley, Clara Majors, Joe Baldi.

The Poetry Moment at the New Deal Café, in honor of National Poetry Month, was a multi-language, multi-media event that filled the cafe's back room. Held on April 3, this was the café's first English/ Spanish poetry read held in honor of

Juan Felipe Herrera, the current U.S. Poet Laureate. Mayor Emmett Jordan opened playing guitar, followed by readings in both English and Spanish with Jan Knutson providing a Latin guitar ending to the afternoon. Friends of the New Deal Café Arts and the Greenbelt Latino Arts Committee sponsored the event.

City Council Takes Actions At Two Meetings in March

by Kathleen Gallagher

Some meetings of the Greenbelt City Council focus on large events that are reported in separate articles. Such was the case with the two meetings in March. Following is information on some of the shorter items from the agendas of those meetings.

Arbor/Earth Days

The March 29 council meeting featured the presentation of the city manager's proposed budget to the city council, but several other items were also on the agenda. The meeting opened with two proclamations from Mayor Emmett Jordan, one declaring Saturday, April 2, to be Arbor Day in Greenbelt and another recognizing the 46th anniversary of Earth Day, which will be celebrated in the city on Saturday, April 16. Receiving the Arbor Day proclamation were Brian Townsend, the city arborist, and Charles Jackman and Ethel Dutky, representing the Advisory Committee on Trees.

Townsend also accepted the proclamation on Earth Day and gave an overview of activities planned for April 16, including the annual watershed cleanup, which is sponsored by the city, the Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society, the Alice Ferguson Foundation and American Rivers. Cleanup volunteers are needed from 1 to 4 p.m., starting from the Springhill Lake Recreation Center at 6101 Cherrywood Lane. Participants

should bring work gloves and a reusable water bottle, and they should wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes. High school students are invited to bring a service-learning form for their graduation community service requirements.

Senior Transportation Needs

The council unanimously approved a letter of support for a grant application being developed by staff of the Department of Planning and Community Development and the Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) Program. If funded by the Transportation/Land-Use Connections program of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Transportation Planning Board, the project will assess the transportation needs of older residents of the city relative to existing transportation options, as well as looking at practices in other cities.

According to City Planner Jessica Bellah, the GAIL program has found from the experience of its participants that current options provide only limited connectivity to commonly requested routes and to needed services located outside the city. Bellah said the project should result in a set of recommendations for transportation services for Greenbelt seniors.

At its March 14 regular meeting, the city council considered

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Letters to the Editor

Bike Safety Matters

Screaming tires from a car behind you is always a head turner, but when you're on a bicycle, it can be fear-inducing.

Last night, I was slowly cranking up Greenhill Road at the end of my ride home from D.C. As I was getting ready to make a left turn, a car had come up behind me. I shot out my left arm – the equivalent of a left blinker on your car. I had a bright yellow jersey on and working front and rear lights.

Next, I hear a gunning engine of someone trying to pass, and just as quickly, skidding tires of an ABS system doing its job. I finished my turn otherwise without incident, except that I was privileged to hear some profane epithets from a rolled-down window, and then an accelerating engine, taking the profanity with it, heading up Greenhill into the darkness.

Drivers and riders can get along, but it is up to both parties to pay attention and be respectful of each other's rights.

If you're in a car and in a hurry behind a cyclist, rash movements can kill. Give three feet – it's the law – and a few seconds to wait to get around a bike will save you the pain of having to deal with a crash report and possibly worse. Cyclists will do their part too. They're not trying to gum up the roads; and by leaving the car at home, that's one less car you're fighting at the stop light.

Greg Simmons

Rare Disease Strikes Journey Butler

Some of the residents of Greenbelt may know Brian Butler, who works over at Springhill Lake Recreation Center. What many may not know is that Brian's lovely daughter Journey Butler, 13 years old, was recently diagnosed with renal medullary carcinoma, a rare disease that attacks individuals with the sickle cell trait. This disease is only discovered once it reaches stage four, because no early detection process is in place. There is no known cure.

The family is hoping to raise awareness about the fact that early testing can help early detection and save lives. There will need to be laws on the books to make this happen in the medical field. Children with the sickle cell trait need to be tested annually for renal medullary carcinoma.

There is a JourneytoHappiness (GoFundMe page) to help raise

money for medical expenses.

It takes a village to raise and heal a child. Journey Butler is a Greenbelt child who is upbeat and resilient, but she and her family need our support, love and assistance. Please do what you can to support this family.

Lois Rosado

Owed a Response

On Monday, February 22, we petitioned Council to work with City Manager Michael McLaughlin to stop advertising Greenbelt Animal Control (GAC), which includes the shelter, as No Kill or No Kill for Convenience and to implement within GAC adequate recordkeeping policies and practices. Council has not responded to our petition.

Councilmember Judith Davis has claimed that the city has improved its recordkeeping practices and that there is new management at GAC, but provided no details. Councilmember Rodney Roberts responded that he is not aware of changes in the management and that McLaughlin has not been responsive to requests by council to move GAC to another department. After the February 22 meeting we contacted McLaughlin to ask him about the new management at GAC. He replied that he needed a few weeks to provide us with an answer; he has yet to do so.

We have suggested that, at most, the city should describe GAC as "Striving to be No Kill," which would allow GAC to demonstrate they want to be able to meet the No Kill standard in the future while acknowledging that they currently fall short. This would have to be accompanied by adequate and verifiable records.

We encourage everyone to watch the video of the February 22 meeting. It can be accessed on the city's website. We are owed a response to our petition.

Brian Almquist

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On Screen

Eye in the Sky

This completely up-to-date military techno-thriller raises many of the same moral questions that warfare has confronted mankind with since the Roman Empire. Helen Mirren stars as the cold and intense British Colonel Katherine Powell, who is supervising a long-distance surveillance project aimed at capturing a group of terrorists in Nairobi, Kenya. When surveillance by a drone—yes, this movie is truly current—suddenly reveals that a plan for a violent terrorist attack is well advanced, the project suddenly escalates from "capture" to "kill". While the military is able to make this adjustment quickly and efficiently, somebody in authority has to authorize it. Finding that someone is complicated and almost farcical, becoming all the more difficult when a child wanders into the location where the terrorists are gathering. The film focuses on the ambiguities and tragic costs of war, an age-old dilemma that technology does not address.

Rated R. Running time: 102 minutes

- Peter Curtis

City Notes

The GAIL Program held the first Women of Wellness Health Fair on March 23 at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, with over 30 vendors offering screenings and information to all in attendance.

Animal Control staff reports one parrot was caught flying at large, one cat gave birth to four kittens at the shelter and five kittens were brought in as strays.

Public Works received a \$5,000 grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust to develop interpretive signs at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

Street Maintenance/Special Details crew installed an Authorized Vehicles Only sign at the Spellman Overpass.

Horticultural/Parks crew planted four large sweet gum trees, 30 loblolly pine trees and four persimmons along with volunteers for Arbor Day at Schrom Hills Park.

The Egg Hunt was very successful with over 300 people in attendance. Thanks to the Greenbelt American Legion Auxiliary for the donation to support the event.



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(R) (102 m.) (CCAP)
Fri.-Sat. 1:15 PM, 5:45 PM, 8:00 PM
Sun. 1:15 PM (OC), 5:45 PM, 8:00 PM
Mon.-Tues. 5:45 PM, 8:00 PM
Wed. 1:15 PM, 5:45 PM, 8:00 PM
Thur. 5:45 PM, 8:00 PM

WHISKEY TANGO FOXTROT
(R) (112 m.) (CCAP)
Fri.-Mon. 3:30 PM
Wed. 3:30 PM

Cult Series:
2001: A SPACE ODYSSEY
(G) (1968) (161 m.)
Fri. 11:00 PM

Family Series:
GALAXY QUEST
(PG) (1999) (102 m.)
Sat. 11:00 AM

SALAAM DUNK
(NR) (2011) (78 m.)
Sun. 11:00 AM
Generously sponsored by the
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The Old Curmudgeon



"It says I ran a red light . . . and that my contribution to the city budget is appreciated!"

Cartoon first ran on April 11, 2002



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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 6 - 10 p.m.

Community Events

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208 ext. 4215.

All meals include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of April 11 are as follows:

Monday, April 11: Orange juice, stuffed salmon with dill sauce, lima beans, Harvard beets, wheat bread, diced pears.

Tuesday, April 12: Cranberry juice, Japanese beef stir fry with vegetables, jasmine rice, wheat roll, hot spiced fruit.

Wednesday, April 13: Apple juice, turkey a la king, green peas w/onions, rosemary carrots, biscuit, tropical fruit.

Thursday, April 14: Cranberry juice, minestrone soup with crackers, hot roast beef sandwich with mushroom gravy, mixed green salad with ranch dressing, fresh fruit.

Friday, April 15: Grape juice, oven baked chicken, macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes and okra, wheat roll, tropical fruit.

Election Reform Event At Community Center

Greenbelters will be welcoming a small group of Democracy Spring marchers for election reform on Saturday, April 9 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Community Center.

The event will include a short outdoor ceremony at the nearby memorial to Greenbelt peacemakers, where a peace pole was recently erected. Discussion will follow.

Special guest will be Sister Jun Yasuda, a Japanese Buddhist nun from the Nipponzan Myohoji order who has dedicated her life to praying, walking and fasting for peace and justice. Sister Jun Yasuda has crossed the country four times on foot and logged several thousand miles for the cause of peace. She walks beating her drum while chanting a prayer for peace: "Na-Mu-Myo-Ho-Ren-Ge-Kyo."

Sponsors of the local event are Prince George's County Peace and Justice Coalition and Maryland United for Peace and Justice. For more information, contact justpeacepg@earthlink.net or 202-549-5574.

Input Sought on Green Man Festival

The Chesapeake Education Arts and Research Society (CHEARS) announces the opportunity for public input on the 12th annual Green Man Festival at an open project planning meeting to be held Sunday, April 10 at 4 p.m. at the New Deal Café. The meeting will include open discussion of ideas for improving the event. Citizens are invited to propose activities, presentations, demonstrations, installations and other options that would add to the festival. A second meeting will be held Saturday, April 23 at 4:30 p.m. at the café.

"We welcome community groups and individuals with interest in nature, environmental issues and social justice," said Richard McMullin, festival project coordinator for CHEARS.

The festival will be held on May 7 and 8 on the plaza of the Roosevelt Center. More information can be found at greenbelt-greenmanfestival.org.

CHEARS is a non-profit citizens environmental action organization based in Greenbelt; see more at CHEARS.org.

GHI Notes

Thursday, April 7, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room.

Friday, April 8, office closed. For emergency maintenance service, call 301-474-6011.

Monday, April 11, 7 p.m., Nominations and Elections Committee Meeting, Lobby;

National Cooperative Bank Seminar, Board Room.

Tuesday, April 12, 7:30 p.m., Historic Preservation Task Force Meeting, Board Room.

Wednesday, April 13, 7:30 p.m., Architectural Review Committee Meeting, Board Room.

Thursday, April 14, 7 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting, Board Room.

Monday, April 18, 7 p.m., Pre-Purchase Orientation, Board Room.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

Essential Legal Tools Workshop for Seniors

A senior workshop will be held on Wednesday, April 13 from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Community Center, Room 103. Learn what five documents need to be in place should an unexpected emergency arise. Attorneys who have practiced in the field of elder law and estate planning for many decades have seen many clients who failed to plan ahead. The results were frequently disastrous.

Led by an elder law attorney, this 5@55 workshop is a guide to help learn about the five essential legal tools everyone should have by the age of 55: Will, Health Care Power of Attorney, Living Will, Advance Medical Directive and Digital Diary. If you are over 55, it is not too late to take action. Following this workshop there will be an opportunity to sign up for a free 1:1 consultation with a lawyer on May 2 at Senior Law Day to complete an Advance Medical Directive. Don't miss out on this free educational opportunity.

Safe Teen Driving Program at ERHS

Drive It Home: Steer Your Teen Driver Down the Right Road, created by the National Safety Council, will be presented at Eleanor Roosevelt High School on Thursday, April 14 from 7 to 8 p.m. in the school library. Learn how to ensure that teens become safe, responsible drivers. Both parents and teens are welcome to the presentation hosted by the ERHS chapter of Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD).

Greenbelt Featured In PBS Show, April 19

Greenbelt is one of ten towns featured in the PBS program Ten Towns that Changed America, airing at 8 p.m. on April 19 on WGBH, WETA and MPT. The program highlights communities whose designers "believed in the power of our built environment to change the way we live," according to the program's PBS website. The WTTW crew from Chicago was in Greenbelt last June filming. Other communities featured include Philadelphia and Salt Lake City.

Springhill Lake Stream Clean-up

Springhill Lake Elementary School is hosting an annual Stream Clean-up from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Friday, April 15. The 3rd through 5th grade students will clean up the stream behind the school. The school will collaborate with Greenbelt Public Works and the Alice Ferguson Foundation to protect the Potomac Watershed. The school has been documenting the process for the last six years and monitoring the health of the stream.

Fire Department Recruiting

Greenbelt Fire Department is holding a recruitment open house on Sunday, April 10. People interested in learning more about becoming a firefighter, emergency medical technician, administrative support member or joining the Ladies Auxiliary are invited to the Fire Department at 125 Crescent Road on Sunday between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Utopia Film Festival Presents
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 The Eaton Woman - July 8 - 17

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Shredding Day Set for April 30

Shredding Day is scheduled for April 30 from 9 a.m. until noon (or until the truck is full). Sponsored by the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, the service will accept personal papers only. The truck will be located in the parking lot behind the credit union. Shredders will not accept any binders, magazines, newspapers, hanging file folders, cardboard or FedEx envelopes. Unattended paper will not be shredded and there is a 5-box maximum. For more information visit greenbeltfcu.com or call 301-474-5900.

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Week of April 8

FRIDAY - SATURDAY
 Zootopia, PG
 11:20, 1:50, 4:10, 6:50, 9:20
 God Is Not Dead, PG
 11, 1:30, 4, 7, 9:30
 The Boss, R
 11:30, 1:40, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30
 Hardcore Henry, R
 11:10, 2, 4:20, 7:25, 9:50
 Batman v. Superman, PG13
 10:50, 1:20, 4:10, 6:55, 9:25
 Meet the Blacks, R
 11, 1:55, 4:35, 7:15, 10
 Divergent: Allegiant, PG13
 11:20, 1:40, 4:40, 7:25, 9:40
 Miracles from Heaven, PG
 11:10, 1:30, 4:20, 7:15, 9:40

SUNDAY - WEDNESDAY
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THURSDAY
 Barbershop: The Next Cut, PG13(!)
 3, 7:10
 The Jungle Book, PG(!)
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 Zootopia, PG
 11:20, 1:50, 4:10, 6:50
 God Is Not Dead, PG
 11, 1:30, 4, 7
 The Boss, R
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Obituaries

Linda Q. Sellin



PHOTO BY JON SELLIN

Linda Q. Sellin

Former Greenbelt resident Linda Q. Sellin, aged 78, of Lanham died at Doctors Hospital on March 27, 2016. She was born on July 15, 1937 in Forest City, N.C., to James N. and Oleta Morrow Queen.

She and her husband Jon and son Erik lived in Springhill Lake for more than 10 years before moving to Lanham. Mrs. Sellin received her AB degree in elementary education at Renoir-Rhyne College in Hickory, N.C. She then taught 5th and 6th grades for several years in Aberdeen, Md., and Hampton, Va. She moved to Greenbelt in 1975 and taught in private schools and in Prince George's County public schools.

Mrs. Sellin realized her lifelong dream in 1985 when she opened the Family Day Care School in her home. She loved seeing the children learn to read, growing and learning about themselves. The children especially enjoyed doing her drawing and construction projects. She was also a Cub Scout den mother in Cub Pack 1248 in Greenbelt.

In the 1980s and 1990s in the early years of the Prince George's County Family Day Care Association, Mrs. Sellin was association president and was organizer of the annual conferences. She was a particularly strong supporter of licensing day care providers in order to improve both the quality of family day care and the children's safety.

As a member of St. George's Episcopal Chapel in Glenn Dale she taught Sunday School and organized holiday pageants for the children.

In retirement, Mrs. Sellin especially enjoyed playing bridge. She was bridge coordinator for one of her groups for over a decade. She usually played two or three days a week, including with the group that meets in the Community Center.

Mrs. Sellin is survived by her husband Jon and their son Erik, her daughter-in-law Kimberly, grandchildren Daniel and Hope of Laurel, her aunt Marlene Q. Bradley of Inman, S.C., and sister-in-law Margaret Anne Sellin of Glendale, Ariz.

Funeral services were held at

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in College Park on Friday, April 1. Burial will be at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Red Cross using their national website.

Robert Joseph Kosisky

Robert Joseph Kosisky, Sr., age 81, of Mobile, Alabama, formerly of Greenbelt, died on March 19, 2016 in Mobile. He is survived by his wife, Brenda Kosisky; children Mary Bass, Robert (Brenda) Kosisky, Jr., Susanne Wells, Margaret "Peggy" (Paul) Gatley, Kathryn Kosisky; step-children Sherri Sanchez and Jennifer Noel; 18 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, other family and friends. Private family services will be held at a later date. Azalea City Funeral Home, 690 Zeigler Circle West in Mobile is in charge of arrangements.

Free Spring Concert At Mowatt Friday

A free concert to welcome spring will be held at Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church at 40 Ridge Road on Friday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome.

On the program will be music by Ginger Jam (a local jazz trio), Music for Flute and Piano, Glenside Recorder Ensemble, organ, handbells and a sing-along of oldies themed on spring. Following the program snacks and beverages will be served.

There will be a basket in the rear of the sanctuary for anyone wishing to contribute to help those in the area who are in need.

Our Neighbors

Congratulations to the Greenbelt Middle School Science Bowl team for winning the county championship.



Liz Labukas

The family of Liz Labukas, who passed away last spring, invites community members to a tree dedication to honor Liz's memory. It will take place on Sunday, April 17, at 1 p.m. outside the Community Center near the Greenbelt Nursery School. Liz worked at the Nursery School for more than 33 years. The dedication will be held rain or shine.

The talents of three Greenbelters were featured in John Kelly's "springtime in Washington haiku contest" in the Washington Post this week. Thanks to Barbara Stein, Catherine Capotosto and Richard Bates for sharing their poetry prowess with Post readers.

Condolences to family and friends of John M. Beckham who died on Friday, March 18, 2016. John grew up in the original Greenbelt community and graduated from the University of Maryland class of 1958 with a degree in Electrical Engineering. In 1965 he was employed at NASA/Goddard and assigned to the Delta rocket program.

Share your accomplishments, milestones and news for the next Our Neighbors column. To send information for Our Neighbors, email editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com or leave a message at 202-957-3072.

- Karen Yoho

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a number of items in addition to the agenda's big item, which was the presentation of the Advisory Committee on Education awards to educators in the schools.

Small Cities Coming Soon

Since Councilmember Silke Pope is this year's chair for the Small Cities Steering Committee of the National League of Cities, the city council will join her in the honor of hosting the committee's 2016 meeting in Greenbelt in July. The city will provide some support for the meeting and fundraising is being undertaken to cover other expenses. The council voted unanimously to endorse holding the meeting in Greenbelt and authorizing up to \$1,000 for front-end expenses.

Geothermal/Propane

As a result of discussion of residential geothermal and propane conversions at the council's recent stakeholder meeting with the Greenbelt East Advisory Coalition, Councilmember Edward Putens asked to put on the agenda discussion of whether the city should be receiving notification or could perhaps require a permit for this relatively new type of

work, which at this point goes on without notification to the city or to neighbors. Asbestos removal was subsequently added to the list of concerns.

After some discussion with Planning Director Celia Craze regarding which levels of government have purview over these matters, council directed City Manager Michael McLaughlin to draft a letter to County Councilmember Todd Turner regarding the city's interest in receiving notification of such matters.

State Legislation

At its second meeting in February, the city council had tabled discussion of SB 607/HB 829, which would limit the routine use of antibiotic drugs for farm animals, on a 4 to 2 vote. A majority of councilmembers wished to seek clarifications on the bill at the city's Legislative Dinner with its state delegation. Senator Paul Pinsky is the primary sponsor of SB 607. At tonight's meeting, the bill was supported unanimously with the understanding that it is aimed at the larger producers and exempts smaller ones.



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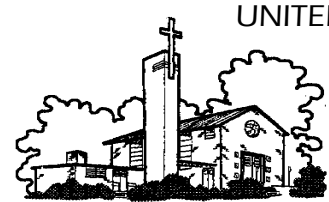


Apr 10 10 a.m.
"Flower Communion"

Dayna Edwards, Director of Multigenerational Religious Exploration; with Noel Monardes, Worship Associate; and the Choir

This is an All Ages Celebration; children and youth are invited to remain in the Meetinghouse for the entire service. Nursery Care for the youngest is provided.

Greenbelt Community Church

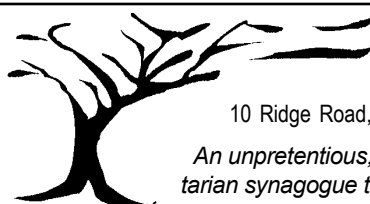


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Sunday Worship
10:15 a.m.

Rev. Glenyce Grindstaff, Pastor



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Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

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At the Library

April 12 at 7 p.m. Justice Denied: The Roots of the Reparations Movement will be the next session of the Spring 2016 season in the African history and culture lecture series presented by historian C.R. Gibbs.

Weekly Ready 2 Read Storytimes: Wednesday, April 13, ages 3 to 5, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 20 people. Thursday, April 14, ages 1 to 2, 10:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); ages birth to 1, 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); Ages 2 and 3, 4:15 p.m., limit 20 people. Monday, April 11, Chinese/English, 4:30 p.m., for ages 3 to 5, limit 20 people.

Tuesday, April 12: Monthly Books at Bedtime, presented by the Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program, 7 p.m., for ages birth to 3, limit 20 people. This is an opportunity for children under three with special needs, along with their family and friends, to participate in storytime, music and motor activities.

Teen Writers Club: Monday, April 11, 6:30 p.m., teens (13 to 18 years old).

Crazy8! Season 2: Tuesday, April 12, 4 p.m., for grades K to 2, limit 25 students; 5 p.m., for grades 3 to 5, limit 25 students.

Pins and Needles: Tuesday, April 12, 6:30 p.m. All stitchers welcome. No experience required.

Readers' Theater: Wednesday, April 13, 4:00 p.m., elementary school students ages 5 to 12. The Greenbelt library is celebrating National Library Week by hosting a Readers' Theater. Come and join us for a read-aloud program of Aaron Shep's Readers' Theater script, Which Shoes Do You Choose?

Student Author Workshop with Wendy Shang: Sources of Inspiration on Thursday, April 14, 10:30 a.m., elementary and middle school (5 to 12 years) and teens (13 to 18). Wendy Shang, author of The Great Wall of Lucy Wu, will explain how to find inspiration for writing and discuss how history can intersect in unexpected ways with our family histories. She will also show students how having a specific, defined inspiration can help writers develop more material and ideas.

Bibliobop Dance Party: Saturday, April 16, 10:30 a.m., ages 2 to 5. Bring parents or caregivers and prepare to boogie and bop.

Read to Rover: Saturday, April 16, 2 p.m. Read to Rover is for children ages 6 to 11 and helps them build reading confidence while reading aloud to specially trained therapy dogs glad to listen. Each child will read for 15 minutes. Registration is required; call 301-345-5800 for more information.



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City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING
Municipal Building, Monday, April 11, 2016 – 8:00 p.m.

ORGANIZATION

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- Consent Agenda – Approval of Staff Recommendations (Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by *] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)
- Approval of Agenda and Additions

COMMUNICATIONS

- Presentations- Telecommunications Week 2016
- Petitions and Requests
- (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)
- Minutes of Council Meetings
- Administrative Reports
- *Committee Reports
 - Advisory Committee on Trees, Report #2016-1 (Recommended Tree Species Appropriate for Greenbelt Parks)

LEGISLATION (none)

OTHER BUSINESS

- Community Center HVAC Improvements
- Selection of Audit Services for FY 2016
- Council Reports
- * Letter to State Delegation – Support of the Stream Valley Trail at Greenbelt Station South Core
- * Letter to Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority – Support of the WMATA Trail from Greenbelt Station South Core to the North Core
- * Reappointments to Advisory Groups
- * Resignations from Advisory Groups

MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

FOREST PRESERVE WOODS CLEAN UP

Saturday APRIL 9, 10 am to noon.

Volunteer Opportunity! High School Students earn your community service hours. We have forms or bring your own!

Please come to one of the following sites: 1. Meet at BELLE POINT PRESERVE (at the playground), meet at the corner of Lakecrest Drive and Prince James Way, GPS co-ordinates 38.999733, -76.887605. 2. Meet at BOXWOOD VILLAGE PRESERVE (at the playground), meet at the corner of Ivy Lane and Hedgewood Drive, GPS co-ordinates 39.007654, -76.889930. Gloves and bags will be provided.

For more info contact Valerie Elliott 240-604-7604 or valandmabel@gmail.com. Sponsored by Forest Preserve Advisory Board, CHEARS and Celebrate the Greenbelt Forest Preserve.

Greenbelt Recreation Department
TRAFFIC SKILLS 101

Activity # 259501-01 Fee: R: \$30; NR \$35

Friday, April 22 from 5-9pm and
Saturday, April 23 from 9am-3pm
Greenbelt Youth Center, 99 Centerway



Traffic Skill 101 provides instructions on the basic principles of vehicular bicycling as developed by the League of American Bicyclists. This course meets for the classroom portion on Friday and skills training on Saturday. Course is taught by League Certified Instructors: Alison Longworth and Laurie Lemieux.

Course Description: Classroom and Hands on Instruction, Certified Instructors, Parking lot Activities, On-Road Skills, Crash Avoidance, Confident Riding, Bike Fit, Basic Bicycle Maintenance, and Bike Operation.

Friday night bring brown bag dinner, light breakfast served Saturday morning. Saturday lunch not provided but we will eat together.

Registration Required. For information contact Alison Longworth at alongworth@greenbeltmd.gov or 301-397-2200

For information on City Events, Services, and more, visit www.greenbeltmd.gov

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NEW SUNDAY METROBUS SERVICE



WMATA has just extended its bus service to Sundays! This is a long awaited service that many have been waiting for. To access a listing of the new Sunday Routes, visit: http://www.wmata.com/rider_tools/metro_service_status/advisories.cfm?AID=5455&t=bus

MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF APRIL 11-15

Monday, April 11 at 5:30pm, **YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane.

Monday, April 11 at 8:00pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. *Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv.*

Wednesday, April 13 at 7:30pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd., RM 114. *On the agenda: Update on upcoming and ongoing development review cases and Update on planning projects*

Wednesday, April 13 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Theatre Operations Review** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd.

The schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.



Free Friday Fun! Roller-skate!

Springhill Lake Recreation Center
6101 Cherrywood Lane
April 15, 2016 from 5-7pm
Ages: 6-12 years
Roller-skates provided free of charge or bring your own.

Call 301-397-2212 for more information

Grief Counseling Support Group, 7pm

Tuesday, April 12 at Municipal Bldg., 25 Crescent Rd.

Greenbelt CARES is holding sessions in response to the recent tragic loss in our community. Sessions are facilitated by CARES Crisis Intervention Counselors. FREE and open to anyone wishing to attend. Follow up counseling is available to those seeking additional support.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park & Recreation Advisory Board, Youth Advisory Committee (adult member)
For information call 301-474-8000.

INVITATION TO BID

Greenbelt Lake Dam Repairs Project Phase 1
City of Greenbelt Bid No. 2016-01

The City of Greenbelt will accept bids from qualified construction companies for the Greenbelt Lake Dam Repairs Project Phase 1 until 2:00 p.m. on Friday, June 3, 2016. The project includes the excavation and replacement of the lake drain conduit for a 22 acre lake designated a high hazard dam by the Maryland Department of the Environment. Bid packages may be obtained electronically at <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/phaseone>. A pre-bid meeting will be held on site (meet at the parking lot of Buddy Attick Park; 555 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770) on April 13, 2016 at 11:00 am. Anyone needing additional information may contact Jessica Bellah at the City's Department of Planning and Community Development at (301) 345-5417 or at jbella@greenbeltmd.gov.

EARTH DAY 2016

Annual Watershed Cleanup

Volunteers Needed

Saturday, April 16 from 1-4pm
Springhill Lake Recreation Center
6101 Cherrywood Lane

Bring your work gloves and reusable water bottle
Wear weather-appropriate clothing & closed-toe shoes
High School Students: Bring Service Forms.
Sponsored by City of Greenbelt, CHEARS, Alice Ferguson Foundation and American Rivers

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084eaaa72eaaff2-earth1>
Questions? Contact Volunteer@CHEARS.org

Historic Turner Cemetery Preservation Begins

by Kyla Hanington

Underbrush and debris have been cleared from the historic Turner Cemetery, making visible a number of native stone grave markers as part of the city's effort to restore this site.

Following research and field work for an article on the historic graveyards in Greenbelt that appeared in the Greenbelt News Review on October 15, 2015, the Reverend Daniel Hamlin brought the findings on the Turner Cemetery to the Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB), of which he is a member, on November 12, 2015. Those findings included the discovery of 15 unengraved native stones at the site as well as research that strongly indicated those stones marked the burial places of people held as

slaves by the Turner family.

After the January 12 CRAB meeting, the members of the board drafted and submitted a report to Greenbelt City Council. Council approved the recommendations in the report at their regular meeting on March 14 and work began at the site shortly afterwards.

The site is now clear: native stones are marked with blue flags and the city is continuing to work on preserving the site. There is a plan to clean the display case and update its information, among other things, in the near future according to Assistant City Manager David Moran. There is also hope to have a more extensive historical site survey completed.



PHOTO BY KYLA HANINGTON

Yellow tape marks stones found by Kyla Hanington and Daniel Hamlin on September 24, 2015.



PHOTO BY KYLA HANINGTON

Blue flags show the stones after the site was cleared by Public Works, April 4, 2016.

Maryland Same-Day Voter Registration

Anyone who wants to vote in the Maryland Presidential Primary Election but missed the April 5 registration deadline can, with proof of address, still register and vote the same day during the early voting period of April 14 to April 21, daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Address changes can also be made at early voting locations. Party affiliation changes may not be made during early voting. No same-day registration will be held on the day of the April 26 primary.

For same-day registration or address change in Prince George's County, go to any of the eight county early voting sites. Preferably bring a driver's license or substitute identification issued by the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration. Other documentation that can be offered as proof of address might include a paycheck, bank statement, utility bill, or other government-issued document showing name and new address. Depending on circumstances, a regular ballot or provisional ballot will be issued for voting.

The closest early voting site to Greenbelt is the College Park Community Center at 5051 Pierce Avenue in College Park. For a complete list of county early voting locations, go to elections.mypgc.us. For additional information call the County Board of Elections at (301) 341-7300.

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(5.7 percent), grants from other agencies (3.8 percent), service charges (7.8 percent), and fines (3.6 percent).

Organizational Assessment

McLaughlin is proposing to implement some of the recommendations from the organizational assessment including moving parking enforcement responsibilities from the Department of Planning and Community Development to the Police Department, and the creation of a Deputy City Manager/Management Analyst but did not incorporate the recommendation to move Animal Control back to the Police Department from Planning and Community Development.

McLaughlin is also working to establish performance measures as recommended in the study. Staff has been researching practices of other municipalities but there is no consistent standard. He is proposing to subscribe to the International City/County Management Association's Insights service that will give the city access to their database of performance metrics.

Employees

McLaughlin's budget has some good news for city employees. He is proposing a 1.9 percent cost of living increase, plus a merit/step increase for all employees. He noted this is just the second merit increase he has proposed since FY 2010.

The proposed budget also includes \$100,000 to cover the increase in the minimum wage as set by Prince George's County. The minimum wage will increase

to \$10.75 per hour as of October 1. At the March 30 worksession, Mayor Emmett Jordan asked what it would cost to raise the city's minimum pay to \$15. Treasurer Jeffrey Williams did not have such an estimate but noted that each increase is more expensive, as it affects more employees.

The minimum wage increase only affects seasonal and non-classified employees since council adopted a Living Wage policy for classified employees in 2007. In his budget comments, McLaughlin states that the state's living wage level is \$13.59 as of September 2015 and that all classified employees are paid more than this amount.

McLaughlin is also proposing a shift in how the city provides health insurance to its staff. In the face of a projected premium increase of 15 to 19 percent to maintain the current plan, he is proposing to switch to a different plan with the same insurer. The plan will have a higher deductible but has lower copays. McLaughlin is proposing to raise the current \$200 per employee medical reimbursement to \$300 for staff with individual coverage and \$600 for those with family coverage to offset the higher deductible.

Fees

The budget proposal calls for a \$3 per quarter increase in refuse collection fees. The city's costs have increased due to the county increasing tipping fees at the dump and implementing a \$25/ton fee for recyclables.

Reserves

The city continues to be in good financial health. The estimated reserves at the end of the current fiscal year are 13.2 percent of total expenditures, well above the 10 percent target. However, one large unknown expense is state-mandated repairs to the dam at Buddy Attick Park.

While the city is preparing to rebid the project soon, McLaughlin is not confident that the city will be able to successfully let a contract for the work in FY 2016.

Other Needs

Briefly touched on at the meeting were possible additions to the budget suggested by council and the city manager. Jordan wanted more new funding for economic development and an Economic Development Coordinator. Councilmember Konrad Herling asked whether Planning and Community Development needs additional staff if Greenbelt is selected for the new Federal Bureau of Investigation headquarters. McLaughlin said if that happens the city may need a construction inspector/engineer and an additional planner.



PHOTO BY MARY LOU WILLIAMSON

Texas Blue Bonnets.

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The News Review would like to print more photos of Greenbelt landmarks, activities and the changing seasons. Photos should be at least 300 dpi, and must include the name of the photographer, and a caption. The caption must name any identifiable people in the photo, as well as explain the picture. The photos may be black and white or color in the print issue but will be color in the online version. Send us no more than five photos at a time.



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Cigarette Butt Litter Creates Pollution and Poses Threats

by Ming Zhang



PHOTO BY LUISA ROBLES

Cigarette butts litter the ground in front of Hamilton Cemetery.

Spreading the word is the quickest way to drive action and initiate behavioral changes: organize events, create posters and write to inform. Individuals can help further actions by raising awareness of cigarette butt litter and supporting the product stewardship approach. Finally, the product stewardship approach is a global movement that attempts to shift the responsibility and cost of preserving the environment from consumers to the producers. Proper cigarette disposal is the responsibility of individuals. Neighbors are encouraged to work together to bring awareness about cigarette butt litter in Greenbelt and the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

Cigarette butts are the most common litter in Greenbelt and around the world. It is estimated that 4.5 trillion cigarettes are discarded annually; accumulating to over 176 million pounds of waste that infiltrate our land and water systems. An estimated 30 percent of total litter along U.S. shorelines is comprised of cigarette butts, and these land-based wastes, according to Keep America Beautiful, contributes 80 percent of all marine debris. Moreover, the Ocean Conservancy estimates that one in every five items collected during environmental cleanups is a cigarette butt. Improper disposal of cigarette butts is costly to the economy and environment.

Cigarettes include cellulose acetate (plastic) filters that are non-biodegradable due to high levels of acetate substitution and low nutrient content. These hazardous wastes leach harmful chemicals and heavy metals into the environment that is toxic to living organisms.

Discarded cigarettes often cause wildfires, resulting in over 900 deaths and 2,500 injury reports, annually in the United States. Costs of homes and infrastructure from careless disposal total over \$6 billion in taxpayer money. Costs to clean up the

waste tack on another \$7 billion annually.

Prevention of cigarette litter calls for enforcement of governmental law and initiative action from citizens. Local police officials and enforcement agencies must take an active role in targeting litterers and enacting strict punishments. Increased accessibility to well-designed ash receptacles helps relieve the rate of littering. In fact, according to Keep America Beautiful, for every additional ash receptacle, nearby litter rates decrease by 9 percent. Well-designed receptacles should include instruction on proper cigarette disposal and have side openings to fend against inclement weather. Chronic smokers could consider investing in reusable portable pocket ashtrays. No matter the circumstance, both products allow smokers to properly dispose of cigarette residue. Personal change is the utmost important consideration in keeping our environment free of cigarette butt litter.

Ming Zhang is the City's Zero Waste Intern.



PHOTO BY MARY LOU WILLIAMSON

Witch Hazel Sunburst

Spring Events At MakerSpace

Spring is really here; stop by to check out the tadpoles and deer antler.

Little Makers returns to the Greenbelt MakerSpace from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 8.

MakerSpace will be closed on Sunday, April 10 to attend Minefest at the Bowie BaySox Stadium. This special event begins at 1 p.m., with the Baysox taking on Akron at 2:05 p.m.

On Wednesday, April 13, Junior Legos returns from 4 to 5 p.m. Class size is limited to 5 to 8 year olds working on Lego building challenges. Knit Night for knitters, crocheters and other fiber enthusiasts is from 6 to 9 p.m.

Thursday, April 14, New Lego Robotics Programming runs from 5 to 7 p.m. Class size is limited; some experience is required. An introductory class will be starting soon.

Friday, April 15 is George's birthday. At 7 p.m. Valentino's Ghost will be shown on the big TV. Narrated by Michael Farrell, filmmaker Michael Singh's documentary explores how depictions of Arabs and Muslims have changed from the romanticized image of Rudolph Valentino's The Sheik to contemporary representations of evil.

Mini Maker Faire is coming April 23. Save the date and sign up now to share interests, skills and projects with others in the community. Visit make125.org for more information.

Blood Donation Sites For Upcoming Drives

The American Red Cross encourages eligible blood donors to donate blood this spring. Donated blood is perishable and must constantly be replenished to keep up with hospital patient need. Red blood cells are the blood component most frequently transfused by hospitals and must be used within 42 days of donation. Donors with all blood types are needed, especially those with types O, A negative and B negative.

To make an appointment to give blood, download the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Upcoming blood drives in the Greenbelt area are April 16 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Filipino Capitol Church, 4216 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at First Financial Security LTC, 4325-C Forbes Boulevard, Lanham, and April 22 from 12:30 to 6 p.m. at the Community Center.

Profile of a Theater Director, Pauline Griller Mitchell

by Nicole Moore

Meet Pauline Griller Mitchell, director of the play *Enchanted April*, which opens Friday, April 8 at the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC). This is the second play that she has directed at GAC. The first was *Habeas Corpus* in 2014.

She got her start in theater with the British Embassy Players here in Maryland and has remained involved in community theater productions, volunteering any chance she could get. She began acting and producing before directing.

What she likes best about directing is putting together a great cast that, as a team, creates a world for the audience to experience. According to Griller Mitchell, "Directing is a team environment with everyone sharing their thoughts and views."

What advice would Griller Mitchell give to young people who may want to direct plays? Get involved. Join the high school drama club. Volunteer at a community theater. No one starts out directing. Volunteer and devote free time to getting backstage experiences, becoming a jack of all trades. Be flexible, watch and learn. That is how she got started.



PHOTO BY MALCA GIBLIN

Pauline Griller Mitchell is the director of the play *Enchanted April*, which opens Friday, April 8 at the Greenbelt Arts Center.

The community is invited to an open house on April 8 from 7 to 8 p.m. at the GAC. This event, immediately prior to the opening of the play, is part of the Explore Your Greenbelt with the Greenbelt Community Foundation to

celebrate its 10th anniversary. This series of 14 monthly events and activities will feature organizations, like GAC, that have received GCF funding. Everyone is invited to attend to learn about these organizations and how GCF lives out its mission of "nourishing all of Greenbelt's neighborhoods."

Attendees at the open house can take a selfie during the event for a \$2 discount from the regular ticket price and a chance to win prizes. No purchase is necessary to win.

The Greenbelt News Review along with Beltway Plaza, Paradyne Management and McNamee Hosea are sponsors of this campaign. To find out more about this event and other Explore Your Greenbelt activities, visit greenbeltfoundation.net/explore.





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- + Doctors Community Practices at Landover Hills
- + Doctors Community Practices at Laurel
- + Doctors Community Rehabilitation and Patient Care Center (transitional care)
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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, www.greenbeltmd.gov/police
 Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

DWI/DUI

March 31, 1:15 a.m., Kenilworth Avenue near Greenbelt Road. A 28-year-old resident was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol and other traffic-related violations following a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

Cutting

March 26, 2:50 a.m., 5700 block Cherrywood Lane. A man reported that when he was driving in an unknown area of Franklin Park Apartments he exited his vehicle on the side of the road. He was then approached from behind and stabbed in the neck by a man he described as Latino, 27 to 31 years old, 170 to 200 pounds, wearing a blue shirt and dark pants. The injured man was transported by ambulance to Prince George's Hospital Center for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries.

Theft

March 27, 8 p.m., 99 Centerway. A man said he must have dropped his wallet near the Youth Center. It was later recovered with two credit cards missing.

Burglary

March 29, 8 a.m., 7500 block Greenway Center Drive. An at-

tempt to force entry into a medical office by prying on the door frame was not successful.

Vandalism

March 28, 8:43 p.m., 9000 block Breezewood Terrace. The bedroom window of a residence was broken out.

March 29, 4:20 p.m., 8000 block Mandan Road. The glass patio door of a residence was broken out.

Vehicle Crime

A 1997 Volvo 850 reported stolen January 3 from the 6100 block Breezewood Court was recovered March 29 by D.C. Metropolitan police in the 2500 block Pomeroy Road SE, Washington, D.C.

Four thefts from vehicles were reported. Two tags, Md. 96387CF, were taken in the 9100 block Edmonston Court and a rear tag, Md. 5FIH66, from the 100 block Centerway. A tire and rim were taken in the 7500 block Mandan Road. Prescription medicine and a money order were taken from an unlocked vehicle in the 7500 block Greenbelt Road.

Vandalism was reported in the 5200 block Stream Bank Lane, where the rear window of a vehicle was broken out.

Café Seeks Artists For Art Show

All artists, working in any medium, including photography, are invited to submit art work to the annual spring group show at the New Deal Café in Roosevelt Center. This exhibit, which will be on display from May 3 to June 27, is held in conjunction with the Green Man Festival. The theme this year is Flowers. The reception for the public will be held on Sunday, June 5 from 3 to 5 p.m., as part of the community's annual celebration of Greenbelt Day. For more information, contact Meg Haney, chair of the art show committee, at myevsuk@aol.com.

The New Deal Café art show program is sponsored by Friends of New Deal Café Arts with support from the City of Greenbelt.



At Greenbelt Park

On Saturday, April 9 the Prince George's County Running Club will host the Springburst 8K Run/Walk. Runners will enjoy a challenging 8K course over the rolling hills of Greenbelt Park. Registration is available at pgrc.org. The race begins at 9 a.m.

On the same day the park will host Greenbelt: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow, a talk focusing on the history of the park, the Girl Scout Camp Conestoga, Mission '66 in Greenbelt and what might have been: the 1972 plan for the "Spirit of America" theme park. Meet at the Ranger Station at 1 p.m.

Greenbelt Park is located at 6565 Greenbelt Road. More information is available at nps.gov/gree.

Free Organ Transplant Presentation on April 9

The Diabetes Research and Wellness Foundation will host a free event, Transplantation: An Option, on Saturday, April 9 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Marriott. Hear recipients of pancreas, kidney and pancreatic islet cells share their personal journeys. Learn about the live kidney donor program and transplant programs in the D.C. metropolitan area from world-renowned researchers and surgeons.

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tal policy, and small business economics. The delegates then divided up based on their home states to vote on the presidential candidates and select a nominee for each party. On the Democratic side, the youth delegates nominated Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders by a wide margin, while Ohio Governor John Kasich narrowly won the Republican nomination over Florida Senator Marco Rubio.

On the third and final day of the conference, the youth delegates and the city councils attended a lecture regarding a specific issue; the youth delegates from Greenbelt, for example, attended a lecture on a program that helps foreign refugees inte-

grate into cities and find jobs in those communities. The conference concluded with lunch and speech from U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, who spoke about the dangers of substance abuse and how communities can fight drug addiction while preserving the dignity of those afflicted.

The NLC Congressional Cities Conference was a learning experience for the Greenbelt Youth Advisory Committee, and the committee members returned with a plethora of new, innovative ideas for getting involved in Greenbelt and improving our city. The committee looks forward to attending the conference again next year to continue serving Greenbelt.




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April 2016

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It is time again to ask for your donations to help the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. in our **Annual General Fund Drive for 2016**. We truly appreciate your generous contributions during the previous fund drives, and hope for your continued support.


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I strongly emphasize that you do not accept any solicitations over the telephone or at your door from persons identifying themselves as members or representatives of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad Inc. For this **Annual General Fund Drive**, we only ask for donations through the mail.

Again, I would like to thank you for your very important past, as well as your continued support during our **Annual General Fund Drive**.

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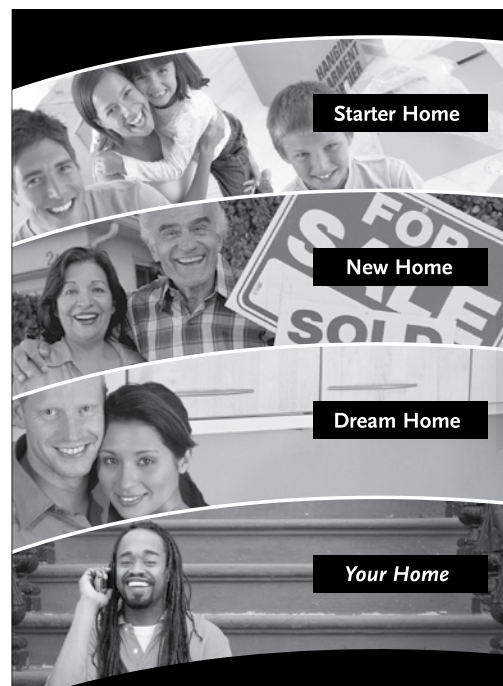


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Greenbelt Mamas and Papas Offers Fun For Kids, Parents

by Jack Chavez

This article is part of a periodic series profiling the city's recognition groups and how they serve the city.

Every Wednesday morning in the Youth Center one can find Greenbelt Mamas and Papas, a parent-led group for children ages 0 to 3 that features activities such as Rhythm and Rhyme, story time and regular old running around fun.

The group is free to attend, and aims at offering "stories, music and movement plus playtime ... and opportunity for caregivers to meet up and socialize during playtime," said Naomi Littlefield, one of the group's leaders.

This year's leaders are Littlefield, Jessica O'Roark, Cara Leisnam and Amy Caruso. "Every group of parents has a different approach," Littlefield said.

"About four leaders are recruited each year by the previous year's leaders. Each one leads once a month and brings their own personal style and skills," Littlefield said. "Greenbelt Mamas and Papas provides opportunities for parents from Greenbelt and surrounding areas to meet up and get to know each other. I think this is particularly valuable for new parents and parents that are new to the area."

Even if a child is still too young to run, talk or sing along, Greenbelt Mamas and Papas feels there is much to be gained by young families who attend.

"It can sometimes be pretty isolating and overwhelming to have an infant," O'Roark said. "The Rhythm & Rhyme time is a place where parents can connect and have others be able to relate, swap stories or just have other people around who are in a similar place in life. The babies get to take in all kinds of new experiences, including seeing other babies."

The group's history dates back to 2000, when it consisted of local families who gathered every two weeks for potluck lunches in the Greenbelt Community Center. The format has changed over the years, but their foundation of bringing together families with young children remains. Today, the group has the support of the Greenbelt Recreation Department, who give the group a place to meet indoors if they so choose. Oftentimes they spend days with good weather outdoors.

"We are grateful to the Greenbelt Recreation Department and Youth Center for their support, space and toys provided for this weekly program," Littlefield said.

The children are just as pleased as their parents with what



Children and parents alike participate in Rhythm & Rhyme activities together.



Photos by Jack Chavez



Parent leader Jessica O'Roark reads and shows an illustrated story to the group.

the group has to offer. Asked what she likes about Rhythm & Rhyme, O'Roark's four-year-old daughter said, "It helps kids learn songs and I also like the stories. It's fun to move around and dance."

Greenbelt Mamas and Papas meets weekly at 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Center. More information about the group can be found at greenbelt.com/mamasandpapas.

Jack Chavez is a University of Maryland Student writing for the News Review.

Mishkan Torah Stream Cleaning April 10

The entire community is invited to participate in the third annual Reverse Tashlich on Sunday, April 10 at 9:45 a.m. The event is co-sponsored by Mishkan Torah Synagogue and the Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group under the auspices of the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington's Sara and Samuel J. Lessans Good Deeds Day.

"Tashlich" refers to the Jewish custom of throwing crumbs into a body of water to symbolically rid oneself of bad habits at the Jewish New Year. A "reverse tashlich" offers the opportunity to reverse the effects of bad habits by cleaning up a local stream. This year's reverse tashlich will clean up Still Creek.

Participants should register in advance on GoodDeedsDayGW.org or by calling 888-246-1818. The project is listed under Mishkan Torah's name. Registration is free and open to all. Children should be accompanied by an adult.

Participants will meet at Mishkan Torah, 10 Ridge Road, at 9:45 a.m., then caravan to the nearby site. The clean-up site will be wet and muddy. Participants are urged to bring gloves and to wear long pants, boots or sturdy shoes and clothes that can get dirty. Participants are also asked to wear a hat to protect from ticks and to do a tick check afterwards.

Participants last year removed a total of 18 tires, 20 bags of recyclables, 13 bags of trash, one-and-a-half car bumpers, one muffler and one jeep window from Beaverdam Creek. Who knows what buried treasures participants will find this year? Come volunteer and find out.

UMD Choruses Welcome Spring

The UMD Women's Chorus and the UMD Men's Chorus present their annual free Spring Choral Showcase on Friday, April 15 at 8 p.m. in Dekelboum Concert Hall of The Clarice.

Continuing their long tradition of eclectic programming, the choruses showcase their talent in a program of unique repertoire.

Clarice Center Offers Sax Show

University of Maryland Saxophone Studios will hold a saxophone symposium on Sunday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m. in Gildenhorn Recital Hall.

Join in for a night of saxophone repertoire. Both the jazz and classical saxophone studios will be presenting a free concert of exciting works spanning a wide range of genres.

Exploring Oral Health And Self-Advocacy

Explorations Unlimited welcomes Fantasia Hopkins and Steven Carrell, Fortis College students, on April 8 at 1 p.m. They will be speaking on the importance of nutrition as it relates to oral health. Both individuals have a passion for helping others maintain a healthier and happier life.

Ms. Hopkins is a Howard University alumna with a BS in biology and a minor in chemistry, currently studying dental hygiene at Fortis College, intending to focus on how to aid in providing services within a low income community. Her goal is to make an impact by providing under-represented communities with the competency required to improve and maintain good oral health.

Mr. Carrell is very passionate about the well-being of others. He worked as a dental assistant since 2004 and is currently enrolled at Fortis College as a dental hygiene student. He believes that each day is a new beginning and all people can take control of their health.

On Friday, April 15, at 1 p.m., Explorations Unlimited welcomes Helen Barnes, a retired mental health professional, who believes that patients have a strong voice in the health services they receive. Ms. Barnes values the importance of receiving thorough information from health care professionals and making sure they are providing patient-first care. If you desire to know how to demand more from your health care professionals, this session is for you.

Ms. Barnes is a local geropsychiatric nurse specialist working through her own company, Barnes Geriatric Services as a counselor, consultant and educator. She retired from the Prince George's County Department of Family Services, Aging Division after 20 years as an elder abuse mental health nurse. In retirement she has been a volunteer for the American Red Cross and the Alzheimer's Association and has done countless talks to various groups on mental health and the elderly.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. These presentations will be held in room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. Please call 301-397-2208 for more information.

Tandem Captain Call

Interested in being a captain on a tandem bicycle? Do you already have previous experience? If so, volunteer to become a captain for our upcoming Tandem Cycling Experience. Captains lead the way. For more information, please contact khasley@greenbeltmd.gov.

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